

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

1. Roll Call

Council Members

Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman *{excused}*
Mrs. Jill Barry, Vice Chairman
Dr. Stewart Beckett III
Ms. Deborah A. Carroll
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh *{arrived 6:08pm}*
Ms. Mary LaChance
Mr. Lawrence Niland
Mr. George P. Norman
Mr. Whit C. Osgood

1. Roll Call.

(a) Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Vice Chairman Barry

Vice Chairman Barry called for a moment of silence to honor Bernie Gullotta, beloved son of Tom and Chris, who recently passed away.

2. Public Comment.

Ms. Geralyn Laut of 126 South Mill Drive said that she spoke for the Glastonbury Community Action Council formerly known as GLAD. She requested the public support of the Council to raise the legal purchase age for tobacco from 18 to 21 proposed with bill 164. She spoke to the issues with tobacco and with the brain not being fully developed until age 25 adding that it made sense to restrict access to avoid use and addiction. She asked the Council to sign the pledge as an agency and as individuals.

Mr. Cavanaugh arrived at 6:08pm.

BUDGET REVIEWS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 – 6:00 P.M TO 8:00 P.M.

- **Presentation and discussion concerning Town Operations, Debt & Transfer, Revenues & Transfers, Capital Reserve Fund, Capital Improvement Program and other budget related matters involving the combined 2018-2019 budget proposal.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed a slide presentation with directors available to answer questions. He noted that the Board of Finance wants to get to an investment assumption of 6.5% and as the assumption comes down, the required contribution and unfunded liability goes up. He continued saying that they are amortizing it over 15 years. He noted that Town Operations wasn't fully funded and the spoke to restoring \$400,000 to the base. Dr. Beckett asked about cloud connectivity. Mr. Bobby Ashton, Information Technology Manager, said that they do some cloud computing, have evaluated it but can't afford the loss of connectivity. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the \$760,000 the Board of Finance allocated to the Capital Reserve was new tax to which Mr. Johnson replied saying yes.

Mr. Johnson said he would review CIP and the tax rate exhibit on March 13. Mr. Osgood asked about police private duty and pension which Mr. Johnson explained. Mr. Osgood asked about whether additional money should be allocated due to land acquisition. Mr. Ray Purtell, Director of Parks and Recreation, said that the town parks budget does a good job addressing the needs. He said that they could do a better job with signs, mapping and marking areas but that would come over time. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about Sycamore and Hebron as well as the nearby development. Khara Dodds, Community Development Director, said that a development proposal was submitted and received feedback from plans review including steering the developer away from the style of area developments and toward more of a colonial look with a scale sensitive to the neighborhood.

2. Public Comment.

Continued

Ms. Jen Siskind of 101 Fairview Terrace spoke in favor of Glastonbury participating in Sustainable Connecticut calling it positive for the town and resources. She also said that she would like to see an expanded citizen involvement.

Ms. Deb McFall of 40 Bidwell Street questioned how replacement of Grange Pool fit in with the aquatics program. She noted that there is extremely limited indoor pool space and if there was any more central location for a new pool. She expressed concern that there won't be enough

support for both a new outdoor and indoor pool. She suggested they determine costs for an indoor facility and consider other options instead of just a replacement of Grange.

Ms. Paula Bacolini of 11 Garland Drive advocated for a heated pool for special care praising one for helping her with a back injury.

Ms. Ann Bowman of 62 Morgan Drive said that she was on the TALK Environmental committee and thanked Mr. Johnson for bringing Sustainable Connecticut to the Town Council encouraging them to approve with four community members to allow for outreach.

3. Special Reports. *None*

4. Old Business. *None*

5. New Business.

(a) Discussion and possible action on Resolution in Support of Sustainable Connecticut Certification Program.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated February 23, 2018, explaining the program to the Council. He suggested the Council consider him as municipal agent and that he recommends two community members while the TALK group recommended 4. Dr. Beckett expressed concern about the burden the effort would put on town staff and questioned how they would interface with the community members. Mr. Johnson said that the town staff has the expertise in the technical aspects of the program but the community could help with outreach. Ms. Carroll asked about resources to support the program. Mr. Johnson said that there is a board of directors and the towns are talking and sharing information. Mr. Osgood supported the concept but also expressed concern about burdening staff and asked the Town Manager to come back with more detail on how it would work. Dr. Beckett suggested coming back with more details outside of the budget timeline. A consensus was reached to table the matter.

- (b) **Action on Resolution Authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$6,000,000 Refunding Bonds for Payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town of Glastonbury's \$8,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, issue of 2009 Series A and \$9,505,000 General Obligation Bonds, issue of 2009, Series B; and costs related thereto.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated February 23, 2018, saying it is not an exact science but they believe they can save some money. Dr. Beckett said that they have done this a couple of times to good success. Mr. Niland and Mr. Osgood said that there is no reason not to pursue the opportunity.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,000,000 REFUNDING BONDS FOR PAYMENT IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST AND ANY CALL PREMIUM ON THE TOWN OF GLASTONBURY'S \$8,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2009, SERIES A AND \$9,505,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2009, SERIES B; AND COSTS RELATED THERETO.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

6. Consent Calendar.

- (a) **Action on waiver of competitive bidding process – used truck.**
- (b) **Action on DEEP Resolution – Blackledge Dam Project.**

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

a. Bid Waiver – Used Box Truck.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a waiver of the competitive bidding process for purchase of a used box truck for Parks Maintenance Operations as described in a report by the Town Manager dated February 23, 2018 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

b. Blackledge Dam.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, to execute and enter into on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury a

Special Use License with the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to access and remove trees on a portion of DEEP property known as Meshomasic State Forest in order to facilitate the removal of the Blackledge River dam and restore the drained pond area to natural habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Glastonbury and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his report to the Council on the subject dated February 23, 2018. A discussion ensued about the meeting schedule to finish the budget season. Regarding the move of the farmer's market, Mr. Osgood referenced proposed plans and confirmed with Mr. Johnson that he would be comfortable with either area A or B. Mr. Osgood agreed saying that if they didn't want area A or B, the farmer's market could always remain where it is and a consensus was reached along those lines. Dr. Beckett confirmed with Mr. Johnson that they would review a 10-year operating budget on March 13. Mr. Osgood asked about the pylons for the former dock at Riverfront Park. Mr. Johnson said that there are issues with attractive nuisance.

Mr. Osgood noted that residents on Cedar Ridge who discovered uranium in their water may be able to purchase a system relatively cheaply to deal with the problem. He also noted the complaints about the firing range and asked for a written opinion on the effectiveness of an ordinance. Mr. Johnson said that the town attorney suggested they pursue an ordinance to address the issue. Mr. Norman asked if they reached out to the neighbors on Cedar Ridge. Mr. Johnson said that they met with the neighbors and Manchester Water offered to extend but at the expense of the property owners. He also said that there are also low interest loans for a town but that would require a referendum to take on debt.

Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the seawall had to come down at Riverfront and Mr. Johnson said the piping and all wooden superstructure would have to come out. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if there was state funding and time pressure. Mr. Johnson was unsure about the state funding but they want to get it out of there to avoid the issue of attractive nuisance. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the ability to climb on the roof and Mr. Johnson said that they are working on it and monitoring. Mr. Niland asked about selling credits and Mr. Johnson said that they are working as fast as they can to accomplish it. Mr. Niland asked if they looked at any ground mounted projects and Mr.

Johnson said they have to be careful not to take space that ultimately is required for other town needs.

Mr. Norman asked when the roundabout would start and if there were any lessons learned. Mr. Johnson said that it would start when weather broke. He said that they learned to keep one lane of traffic open and improve the signage to make it more clear that businesses are open. Mr. Cavanaugh asked how they ensure they have the manpower on the project. Mr. Johnson said that the best way is to get liquidated damages. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if they had gotten any from the first roundabout to which Mr. Johnson said yes. Dr. Beckett asked about multiple shifts and Mr. Johnson said that they may not be able to do so without paying overtime which can be cost prohibitive. Mr. Osgood asked if they could cost grinding the little curb.

8. Committee Reports.

(a) Chairman's Report.

Vice Chairman Barry urged all to become organ donors.

(b) MDC.

No report

(c) CRCOG.

Dr. Beckett said that there is a new comprehensive economic development strategy they are working on in order to improve the economy.

9. Communications.

(a) Request for bill endorsement on proposed legislation from Eight Mile River Watershed Council and Connecticut Land Council.

(b) Letter from Board of Finance transmitting FY2019 Budget.

10. Minutes.

(a) Minutes of February 13, 2018 Special Meeting.

Motion By: Mr. Niland **Seconded By:** Dr. Beckett
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of February 13, Special Meeting as presented.
Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

(b) Minutes of February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion By: Mr. Niland **Seconded By:** Dr. Beckett
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of February 13, Regular Meeting as presented.
Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

11. Appointments and Resignations.

None

12. Executive Session.

(a) Appointment and performance of Public Officer-Town Attorney.

(b) Appointment, employment and performance of Public Employee-Town Manager-Executive Assistant [former].

Motion By: Mr. Niland **Seconded By:** Dr. Beckett
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into executive session at 8:38pm for the purpose of discussing appointment and performance of Public Officer-Town Attorney and appointment, employment and performance of Public Employee-Town Manager-Executive Assistant [former].
Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

Present for the Executive Session are council members, Mrs. Jill Barry, Vice Chairman, Dr. Chip Beckett, Ms. Deborah A. Carroll, Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh, Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Mr. George P. Norman and Mr. Whit C. Osgood as well as Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 9:35 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of February 27, 2018, at 9:36 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller

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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman